

## SUMMARY OF THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW

**Author:** Matthew (also called Levi in Mark 2:14 and Luke 5:27)

**Date Written:** Traditionally held to have been written sometime between 50-65 A.D.

**Theme:** Jesus of Nazareth is the fulfillment of Messianic prophecy. He is the Messiah, the King, and will establish His eternal Kingdom.

### Quick Outline:

- I. Matthew 1:1-4:11: Birth of and Ministry Preparation of Jesus, the King
- II. Matthew 4:12-25:46: The Message and Ministry of Jesus
  - a. Jesus's ministry begins
  - b. Sermon on the Mount (Beatitudes)
  - c. Jesus performs many miracles
  - d. Teachings on the Kingdom
  - e. The many reactions to Jesus's ministry
  - f. Conflict between Jesus and religious leaders
  - g. Olivet Discourse
- III. Matthew 26:1-27:65: The Last Supper, Betrayal, Arrest, Trial, Death & Burial of Jesus
- IV. Matthew 28: The Resurrection of Jesus and Great Commission

### Summary:

Matthew's gospel is the first of the three synoptic gospels and includes Mark and Luke. The term *synoptic* finds its origin from the Greek word *synopsis* meaning *seeing together*. The label *Synoptic Gospels* was chosen because of the amount of similar content and writing structure found between the gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke. The German biblical scholar J. J. Griesbach is credited with coining the term near the end of the 18th century.

The events of Matthew occur almost entirely in the vicinity of Palestine during the reign of the Roman Empire. Jesus's birth occurs during the reign of Herod the Great and the events of His death, burial, resurrection, and ascension occur during the reigns of Pontius Pilate and the tetrarchs Antipas and Philip.

Matthew's gospel is unique to rest of the gospels in that Matthew cites more Old Testament prophecy fulfillment than Mark, Luke, and John. Matthew is the only one with the genealogical listing of Jesus's earthly family and one of the two gospels (the other being Luke) to begin with the retelling of Jesus's birth and childhood. Matthew's gospel is a compelling witness that Jesus is the long-anticipated Messiah, who brought the kingdom of God to earth, and is the prophesied fulfillment of God's promise of true peace and deliverance for both Jew and Gentile.



## RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

*This list is not intended to be exhaustive but a starting point to provide additional study tools should you desire to dig deeper. ~Bro. Mark*

### **STUDY BIBLES**

*Life Application Study Bible (NIV)*, Tyndale House Publishers, 2005.

*The Literary Study Bible (ESV)*, Crossway Bibles, 2007.

*ESV Study Bible*, Crossway Bibles, 2008.

*The Disciple's Study Bible (CSB)*, Holman Bible Publishers, 2017.

*CSB Study Bible*, Holman Bible Publishers, 2017.

### **OTHER RECOMMENDED READING**

#### **Devotional Style Commentaries**

*The Bible Exposition Commentary, Volume 1: Matthew-Galatians*, Warren W. Wiersbe, Chariot Victor Publishing, 1989.

*Matthew: Holman New Testament Commentary*, Max Anders, Broadman & Holman Publishers, 1999.

*NIV Application Commentary: Matthew*, Michael J. Wilkins, Zondervan Publishers, 2003.

#### **Deeper Digging Commentaries**

*An Introduction to the New Testament*, D.A. Carson, Douglas J. Moo, & Leon Morris, Zondervan Publishing House, 1992.

*The New Testament: Its Background and Message 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition*, Thomas D. Lea and David Alan Black, Broadman & Holman Publishers, 2003.

*Matthew & Mark, Revised: The Expositor's Bible Commentary*, Editors: Tremper Longman, III & David E. Garland, Zondervan Publishers, 2005.

*Matthew: All Authority in Heaven and on Earth (Preaching the Word Commentary)*, Douglas Sean O'Donnell, Crossway Bibles, 2013.

